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Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report

September, 2009

Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month..........................1141
Number of items* contained in these cases...............................1952

Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month........................... 928
Number of items analyzed this month......................................1486

Number of vegetable matter items returned untested....................454

Laboratories' backlog (Items)... 11488
Average time per analysis (turnaround time)........................ 177 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed......... 125

Analysis Backlog
Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	1147	10%
16-30 days old	766	7%
31-50 days old	1199	10%
Greater than 50 days	8376	73%
TOTAL	11488	100%

* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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Analysis Profile
Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	22	1%
16-30 days	107	7%
31-50 days	309	21%
Greater than 50 days	1048	71%
TOTAL	1486	100%

Totals for Drugs of Interest

Drug Type	Number of Items
Marijuana	333
Cocaine	399
Heroin	188
Others	566
TOTAL	1486

Trafficking Items Analyzed

Drug Type	Number of Items
Heroin	3
Cocaine	36
Oxycodone	6
TOTAL	45

Calendar Year (2009) Totals through the End of the Month

Items Submitted	19946
Items Analyzed	20420 (does not include 2028 untested vegetable matter items)